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KOMBU KITCHEN SF LLC, dba NIBLL

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re:

KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL,
a California limited liability company,

Debtor and Debtor In Possession.

Case No. 2:23-bk-17276-BR

Chapter 11

Subchapter V

**DECLARATION OF KEVÉN
THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-
PETITION FINANCING ON AN
UNSECURED BASIS (JANUARY 2025)**

[No Hearing Required]

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DECLARATION OF KEVÉN THIBEAULT

I, Kevén Thibeault, hereby declare:

1. I am an individual over the age of eighteen and CEO of KOMBU KITCHEN SF, LLC, dba NIBLL, the Chapter 11 Debtor and Debtor in Possession (the “Debtor”) herein. Each of the facts contained in this declaration is based upon my personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. The Debtor commenced this Bankruptcy Case by filing a petition for relief under Chapter 11, Subchapter V, of the Bankruptcy Code on November 1, 2023 (the “Petition Date”). The Debtor continues to carry out its business operations and manage its financial affairs as a Debtor in Possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107 and 1108. No trustee, examiner, or committee has been appointed in the Bankruptcy Case.

3. I submit this declaration setting forth the funds advanced to the Debtor from my wife and me, which were used to fund operations and to pay critical expenses of the Debtor.

4. During the month of January 2025, the funds provided via the DIP Loan total \$34,239.67. A summary and detailed list of the critical and operation expenses paid is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 4 day of March 2025, at Lake Elsinore, California.



KEVÉN THIBEAULT

Summary of Advances

January 2025

<i>Expense</i>	SUM of Amount
	\$0.00
Bank Fee	\$984.51
Bus. Travel	\$1,809.23
Business Services	\$2,330.39
Business Subscription	\$1,016.82
Catering COGS LA	\$2,878.70
Catering COGS SF	\$1,192.17
Catering Equipment	\$2,906.03
Kitchen Repairs	\$7,550.17
Meals and Entertainment	\$631.72
Office Equipment	\$837.46
Office Supplies	\$2,018.78
Parking	\$514.25
Test Kitchen Office Rent	\$6,475.00
Transportation	\$582.23
Transportation - Fuel	\$569.31
Transportation- Fleet Maintenance	\$925.15
Utilities	\$875.68
Grand Total	\$34,097.60
Add: Interest for Jan	\$142.07
Total of Advances plus Interest Due	\$34,239.67

Detail of Advances

January 2025

Date	Desc	Amount	Expense
1/1/2025	Gas	542.18	Utilities
1/1/2025	Electric	187.49	Utilities
1/1/2025	Water	113.52	Utilities
1/1/2025	Internet	32.50	Utilities
1/1/2025	Test Kitchen Office Rent	6,475.00	Test Kitchen Office Rent
01/20/2025	AMZ 113-9270860-0386648	157.26	Office Supplies
01/29/2025	SAN CLEMENTE PARKING 2	2.25	Parking
12/31/2024	FORSBERG'S PACKAGE SHOP	80.65	Catering COGS LA
01/01/2025	SXM*SIRIUSXM.COM/ACCT	46.09	Business Subscription
01/01/2025	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	525.00	Business Subscription
01/03/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	74.36	Catering COGS LA
01/03/2025	Nyx*877-494-3833 EVGO SER	22.93	Transportation - Fuel
01/05/2025	GOOGLE *Heads Up	19.99	Business Subscription
01/06/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	90.18	Catering COGS LA
01/06/2025	INTL INDIA BAZAAR	41.96	Catering COGS LA
01/07/2025	GOOGLE *Life360	14.99	Business Services
01/07/2025	UBER *TRIP	49.77	Transportation
01/07/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	63.96	Catering COGS LA
01/07/2025	SQSP* INV164345363	276.00	Business Services
01/08/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	5.99	Catering COGS LA
01/09/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	333.65	Bank Fee
01/09/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	174.83	Catering COGS LA
01/09/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	30.88	Catering COGS LA
01/09/2025	UNITED 0164463654436	39.99	Bus. Travel
01/09/2025	UNITED 0164463654435	17.99	Bus. Travel
01/09/2025	UNITED 0162449892972	427.82	Bus. Travel
01/10/2025	Staples Inc	973.69	Office Supplies
01/12/2025	GOOGLE *SiriusXM Radio	9.99	Business Services
01/14/2025	LAZ PARKING M18445-SKI	10.00	Parking
01/15/2025	UBER *ONE	9.99	Transportation
01/15/2025	CHEF TOYS SAN FRANCISCO	13.01	Catering Equipment
01/15/2025	SAFEWAY #0777	17.96	Catering COGS LA
01/15/2025	LUCKY #748 SAN BRUN	59.89	Catering COGS SF
01/15/2025	LUCKY #748 SAN BRUN	7.99	Catering COGS SF
01/15/2025	LOWES #01019*	102.89	Kitchen Repairs
01/15/2025	LAZ PARKING M18445-SKI	10.00	Parking
01/15/2025	TAQUERIA LAS PENCAS	31.87	Meals and Entertainment
01/16/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	104.55	Bank Fee
01/16/2025	Whole Foods FRK 10044	85.16	Catering COGS SF

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Date	Desc	Amount	Expense
01/16/2025	B2B Prime*ZD63A5YM1	550.15	Business Services
01/16/2025	BEST WESTERN HOTELS	749.36	Bus. Travel
01/16/2025	ONT AIRPT PRKING LOT 2	96.00	Parking
01/16/2025	SFO UNIONST GASTROPUB1118	70.62	Meals and Entertainment
01/16/2025	CHEF TOYS SAN FRANCISCO	281.32	Catering Equipment
01/16/2025	TST* PAPA NOODLE NEW	118.63	Meals and Entertainment
01/16/2025	OUTSET COFFEE	3.95	Meals and Entertainment
01/16/2025	LAZ PARKING M18445-SKI	10.00	Parking
01/16/2025	Staples Inc	450.33	Office Supplies
01/17/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	17.10	Catering COGS SF
01/18/2025	UNITED 0164465916270	17.99	Bus. Travel
01/18/2025	UNITED 0162452490008	305.99	Bus. Travel
01/20/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	184.14	Catering COGS SF
01/20/2025	PURCHASE INTEREST CHARGE	300.84	Bank Fee
01/21/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	49.22	Catering COGS SF
01/21/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	562.99	Catering COGS SF
01/22/2025	UNITED 0164466816036	40.00	Bus. Travel
01/23/2025	STARBUCKS STORE 05312	3.75	Meals and Entertainment
01/23/2025	ONT AIRPT PRKING LOT 2	48.00	Parking
01/23/2025	DOUBLETREE HOTELS	24.09	Bus. Travel
01/23/2025	HOTELTONIGHT*DOUBLETRE	186.00	Bus. Travel
01/23/2025	AMERICAN ARS CORPORATION	1,329.00	Catering Equipment
01/24/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	190.27	Catering COGS LA
01/24/2025	SPROUTS FARMERS MAR	14.97	Catering COGS LA
01/24/2025	99 RANCH #1005	103.78	Catering COGS LA
01/27/2025	STARBUCKS STORE 49537	21.90	Meals and Entertainment
01/27/2025	ALBERTSONS.COM #0798	265.97	Catering COGS LA
01/27/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	225.68	Catering COGS SF
01/27/2025	COSTCO WHSE #0445	215.76	Catering COGS LA
01/27/2025	99 RANCH MARKET #12	102.69	Catering COGS LA
01/28/2025	CA DMV KEY VNS CRN	515.00	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/28/2025	CA DMV FEE	10.04	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/28/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	94.80	Catering COGS LA
01/29/2025	RESTAURANT DEPOT	87.98	Catering COGS LA
01/29/2025	99 RANCH #1005	95.84	Catering COGS LA
01/30/2025	Staples Inc	437.50	Office Supplies
01/03/2025	ECONOMY LAX SMARTPARKING LOS ANGELES CA	336.00	Parking
01/04/2025	PERPLEXITY* PROSHOP WWW.PERPLEXITCA	38.72	Business Services
01/05/2025	KIA AMERICA INC 844-886-9411 CA	199.00	Transportation- Fleet Maint...

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01/07/2025	UBER TRIP* TRIP WWW.UBER.COM CA	7.26	Transportation
01/10/2025	VSA_NIBBLE EDUCATION NICOSIA CY	40.80	Business Services
01/10/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	33.52	Transportation
01/11/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	8.01	Transportation
01/14/2025	DROPBOX*1N9C6ZGNG3BG DROPBOX.COM CA	11.99	Business Services
01/14/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	65.99	Transportation
01/19/2025	LOWES #01987* LAKE ELSINORECA	447.83	Kitchen Repairs
01/21/2025	LOWES #01987* LAKE ELSINORECA	148.68	Kitchen Repairs
01/21/2025	NETGEAR INC 408-890-3088 CA	28.00	Office Equipment
01/22/2025	STATE OF CALIF DMV INT SC800-7770133 CA	27.00	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/23/2025	YAAMAVA RESORT AND CASINOHIGHLAND CA	381.00	Meals and Entertainment
01/23/2025	CA DMV FEE 678-7315516 TN	0.53	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/23/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	106.95	Transportation
01/23/2025	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.COMCA	7.63	Transportation
01/25/2025	HOMEDEPOT.COM 800-430-3376 GA	189.64	Kitchen Repairs
01/25/2025	SJC Parking SAN JUAN CAPICA	2.00	Parking
01/28/2025	LOWES #01050* SAN CLEMENTE CA	510.45	Kitchen Repairs
01/28/2025	Microsoft*Microsoft 365 F425-6816830 WA	99.99	Business Services
01/29/2025	FD *CA DMV 648 SAN CLEMENTE CA	45.00	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/29/2025	FD *CA DMV 648 SAN CLEMENTE CA	125.00	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/29/2025	FD *CA DMV 648 *SVC 800-777-0133 CA	0.95	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/29/2025	FD *CA DMV 648 *SVC 800-777-0133 CA	2.63	Transportation- Fleet Maint...
01/30/2025	LOWES #01050* SAN CLEMENTE CA	137.42	Kitchen Repairs
01/31/2025	LOWES #00758* RANCHO SANTA CA	169.54	Kitchen Repairs
01/31/2025	ANNUAL FEE	199.00	Business Services
01/30/2025	CANVA* I04412-72097503	30.00	Business Services
01/28/2025	UBER *TRIP	137.72	Transportation
01/27/2025	WMT PLUS Jan 2025	14.28	Bank Fee
01/23/2025	INTEREST CHARGE-PURCHASES	212.22	Bank Fee
01/23/2025	INTEREST CHARGE-PB PURCHA	18.97	Bank Fee
01/22/2025	UBER *TRIP	7.34	Transportation
01/22/2025	UBER *TRIP	48.96	Transportation
01/20/2025	SUN PAC STORAGE CONTAI	500.00	Business Services
01/18/2025	UBER *TRIP	50.96	Transportation
01/18/2025	UBER *TRIP	7.64	Transportation
01/06/2025	GOOGLE *Perplexity AI	19.99	Business Services
01/06/2025	RALPHS #0287	174.34	Catering COGS LA
01/06/2025	ALBERTSONS #2509	57.54	Catering COGS LA
01/05/2025	GOOGLE *Bloomberg LP	329.99	Business Services
01/13/2025	CHEVRON 0384160/CHEVSAN JUAN CAPISTRA CA	75.00	Transportation - Fuel
01/13/2025	DNH*GODADDY#35072302480-505-8855 AZ	425.74	Business Subscription

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Date	Desc	Amount	Expense
01/13/2025	HERTZ CHH 843-6403629 SC	40.49	Transportation
01/13/2025	WAL-MART 2527 2527 SAN CLEMENTE CA	26.03	Catering Equipment
01/13/2025	WAL-MART 2527 2527 SAN CLEMENTE CA	72.35	Catering Equipment
01/14/2025	GELSON'S MARKET #25 RANCHO MISSION VIEJO/	26.46	Transportation - Fuel
01/14/2025	HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLSHARBORFREIGHT CA	405.64	Catering Equipment
01/14/2025	NYTimes.COM NY TIMES(800)698-4637 NY	6.68	Business Services
01/15/2025	ARCO #42725 AMPM ARCSAN JUAN CAPI CA	100.00	Transportation - Fuel
01/16/2025	BEST BUY MISSION VIEJO CA	45.23	Office Equipment
01/16/2025	BEST BUY MISSION VIEJO CA	764.23	Office Equipment
01/16/2025	COST PLUS WORLD MARKMISSION VIEJO CA	224.15	Catering COGS LA
01/16/2025	CROWN VALLEY MARKET MISSION VIEJO CA	245.71	Transportation - Fuel
01/16/2025	WAL-MART 2527 2527 SAN CLEMENTE CA	276.09	Catering COGS LA
01/17/2025	GELSON'S MARKET #25 RANCHO MISSION VIEJO/	101.74	Catering COGS LA
01/18/2025	LOWE'S LAKE ELSINORE CA	152.23	Kitchen Repairs
01/18/2025	LOWE'S LAKE ELSINORE CA	2,119.32	Kitchen Repairs
01/21/2025	6120 MOLLER RETAIL 6RANCHO MISSION VIEJOCA	99.21	Transportation - Fuel
01/21/2025	LOWE'S LAKE ELSINORE CA	1,052.73	Kitchen Repairs
01/21/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	58.70	Kitchen Repairs
01/21/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	328.43	Kitchen Repairs
01/22/2025	GOOGLE *GOOGLE ONE G.CO/HELPPAY# CA	2.11	Business Services
01/22/2025	LOWE'S LAKE ELSINORE CA	132.77	Kitchen Repairs
01/22/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	182.09	Kitchen Repairs
01/22/2025	MERCADO EL REY 0000 SAN JUAN CA	67.07	Catering COGS LA
01/23/2025	GOOGLE *PERPLEXITY A G.CO/HELPPAY# CA	199.99	Business Services
01/23/2025	LOWE'S LAKE ELSINORE CA	543.98	Kitchen Repairs
01/23/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	43.08	Kitchen Repairs
01/23/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	107.71	Kitchen Repairs
01/23/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	247.23	Kitchen Repairs
01/24/2025	88 RANCH MARKETPLACETEMECULA CA	224.94	Catering COGS LA
01/24/2025	HOMEDEPOT.COM 800-430-3376 GA	75.00	Kitchen Repairs
01/24/2025	HOMEDEPOT.COM 800-430-3376 GA	430.69	Kitchen Repairs
01/24/2025	LOWE'S LAKE ELSINORE CA	204.53	Kitchen Repairs
01/24/2025	THE HOME DEPOT LAKE ELSINORE CA	101.70	Kitchen Repairs
01/25/2025	LOWES.COM 1-800-445-6937 NC	63.53	Kitchen Repairs
01/26/2025	THE WEBSTAURANT STOR(717)392-7472 PA	108.78	Catering Equipment
01/26/2025	Wayfair 866-263-8325 MA	669.90	Catering Equipment
TOTAL		34,097.60	

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

11766 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 730, Los Angeles, CA 90025

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **DECLARATION OF KEVÉN THIBEAULT REGARDING POST-PETITION FINANCING ON AN UNSECURED BASIS (JANUARY 2025)**, will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) March 11, 2025, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

See attached NEF service list.

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2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

March 11, 2025
Date

Martha E. Araki
Printed Name

/s/ Martha E. Araki
Signature

In re Kombu Kitchen SF LLC

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